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SUMMARY: SWEDEN LEVELLED STRONG CRITICISMS AT "NUCLEAR-WEAPON
SUPERPOWERS," ACCUSING THEM OF DOMINEERING ATTITUDE AND FAILING
TO DELIVER ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT PROMISES. OTHER TARGETS WERE
THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY, FRG (THOUGH UNNAMED) FOR NUCLEAR COM-
MERCIAL DEALS, U.S. (ALSO UNNAMED) FOR REFUSING TO RULE OUT FIRST
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USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (EXCERPT OF SPEECH BY SEPTTEL). UK DISCUSS-

ED CONVENTIONAL ARMS, SEABED TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE (REPORTED SEPTTEL), AND NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE PNES, AND PROMISED WORKING PAPER ON CTB EVASION POSSIBILITIES. USSR AND GDR ARGUED THAT ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PNES CAN BE DEALT ADEQUATELY BY PROVIDING PNE SERVICES TO NNWS. CANADA TABLED WORKING PAPER ON SEISMIC VERIFICATION ON BEHALF OF CANADA, SWEDEN AND JAPAN. END SUMMARY.

1. THORSSON (SWEDEN), IN LENGTHY STATEMENT SHE CHARACTERIZED AS HARSHLY WORDED, CLAIMED "NUCLEAR-WEAPON SUPERPOWERS" REGARD ARTICLE VI OF NPT AS "SIMPLE SCRAP OF PAPER," AND HAVE FAILED TO HONOR COMMITMENTS TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. SHE SAID THESE SUPERPOWERS BELIEVE THAT "EACH AND EVERY ARMAMENT PROBLEM" CAN BEST BE SOLVED, IF AT ALL, BILATERALLY, WITH RESULTS PRESENTED TO OTHERS AS FINISHED PRODUCTS.

2. THORSSON SAID NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE WAS NOT A FAILURE; THAT IT HAD ACHIEVED "WHAT WAS REALISTICALLY POSSIBLE." ONLY FAILURE WAS THAT OF SUPERPOWERS, WHICH WERE UNABLE TO SHOW EITHER WILL OR CAPACITY FOR DISARMAMENT: "THEY DID NOT MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO STRENGTHENING THE NPT REGIME." SHE CITED PROGRESS MADE AT REVCON ON PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING SAFEGUARDS AND FOR STUDY OF REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTERS, WHICH SHE HOPED WOULD BE FIRST STEP TOWARD "INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF FISSILE MATERIAL."

3. THORSSON CALLED COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN "SINGLE MOST DECISIVE STEP TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT" AND SAID "IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO ALLOW THIS MATTER TO BE BURIED BENEATH THE THRESHOLD OF ANY PARTIAL UNDERGROUND TEST BAN TREATY." SHE SAID SWEDEN MIGHT PROPOSE EXPERT MEETING NEXT SPRING TO DISCUSS REMAINING PROBLEMS BLOCKING CTB.

4. REFERRING TO RECENT MEETING OF SOME NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS ON STRENGTHENING CONTROLS AND SAFEGUARDS, THORSSON SAID SWEDEN APPRECIATED EFFORTS REPORTEDLY MADE, "ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO THEIR SCOPE AND CONTENT."

5. IN POINTED REFERENCE TO FRG, THORSSON CALLED "DISQUIETING, TO SAY THE LEAST," IMMENSE NUCLEAR DEALS INVOLVING COMPLETE NUCLEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUEL CYCLES, WHICH ENABLE THE RECIPIENT TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPON CAPABILITY.

6. THORSSON TWICE SHARPLY CRITICIZED REFUSAL OF "LEADERS OF ONE OF THE SUPERPOWERS" TO RULE OUT FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WHICH SHE CALLED "SINISTER CONFIRMATION" OF POLITICAL IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS. (RELEVANT EXCERPTS BY SEPTTEL.)

7. ALLEN (UK), IN GENERAL STATEMENT, EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SOME OF PRINCIPLES ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS SUGGESTED BY US AT SPRING SESSION AND CRITICIZED OTHERS. CRITICISM WAS DIRECTED AT SUGGESTED PRINCIPLE ON CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ARMS-ACQUIRING STATES AND NEIGHBORS, WHICH, ALLEN SAID, MIGHT BE USEFUL IN INDIVIDUAL CASES BUT, AS UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLE, MIGHT BE SEEN AS INFRINGEMENT OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. ALLEN ALSO CRITICIZED PRINCIPLE THAT SECURITY SHOULD BE MEASURED BY ECONOMIC PROGRESS AS WELL AS POLITICAL-MILITARY CRITERIA. HE SAID DETERMINATION OF RELATIVE PRIORITIES IS QUESTION FOR STATES, NOT OUTSIDERS.

8. ROSHCHIN (USSR) EMPHASIZED THAT MAIN ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATION OF PNES IS PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS CAPABILITY. TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF PNES ARE BEING STUDIED BY IAEA AND CCD SHOULD FOCUS ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS. ROSHCHIN LAMBASTED JAPANESE WORKING PAPER ON PNES, PARTICULARLY IDEA THAT PNES MIGHT BE CONDUCTED OUTSIDE OF NPT FRAMEWORK. THIS IDEA SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED IN CCD SINCE IT COULD ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO PROLIFERATION. HE ALSO INSISTED THAT NPT AND PNE REGIMES MUST NOT BE SEPARATED.

9. ROSHCHIN SAID USSR ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO NPT ARTICLE V AND TO SOVIET PROPOSAL, CONFIRMED IN NPT REVCON DECLARATION, THAT PNE SERVICES COULD BE PROVIDED TO NON-NPT PARTIES. HE SAID USSR CONSIDERS IAEA APPROPRIATE BODY UNDER ARTICLE V TO PROVIDE PNE SERVICES.

10. REAFFIRMING SOVIET SUPPORT FOR CTB, ROSHCHIN REJECTED ARGUMENTS THAT PNE PROBLEM COULD BE OBSTACLE TO CTB. ONLY OBSTACLE IS DESIRE OF SOME POWERS TO CONTINUE TESTING.

11. HERDER (GDR) MADE ESSENTIALLY SAME POINTS AS ROSCHIN. IN ADDITION, IN EVIDENT CRITICISM OF FRG, HE STRESSED NPT REVCON'S CALL FOR STRENGTHENED EXPORT SAFEGUARDS INCLUDING EXTENSION OF SAFEGA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUARDS TO ALL PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES IN IMPORTING STATES NOT PARTY TO NPT. HE NOTED THAT THIS IS "SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY" OF NPT PARTIES.

12. ROWE (CANADA) TABLED WORKING PAPER REPORTING ON PROGRESS OF TRILATERAL CANADIAN-JAPANESE-SWEDISH STUDIES ON SEISMOLOGICAL DETECTION, LOCATION, AND IDENTIFICATION OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. NISIBORI (JAPAN) AND THORSSON COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON WORKING PAPER.DALE

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